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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING DATA ENCRYPTION  
AND ERROR CODE CORRECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the section starting on page 1, line 5 with the following.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/053,972 filed April 2, 1998  
and issued as U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S.  
Serial No. 08/896,002 filed July 15, 1997 and issued as U.S. Patent No.  
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